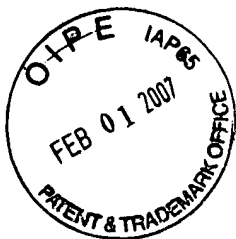


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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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HOVANESSIAN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No.: 10/820,816) Examiner: A. Boesen
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Filed: April 9, 2004)
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For: NOVEL SYNTHETIC PEPTIDE) Confirmation No.: 9491
VACCINES FOR HIV: THE CBD)
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BROADLY NEUTRALIZING)
ANTIBODIES AGAINST HIV)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of August 1, 2006. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- ☒ Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$1020.00 for the Extension is enclosed.

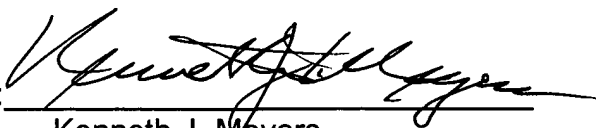
The claims are calculated below:

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
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| Indep. | 6 | - | 3 | 3 | x \$200 | 600.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) | | | | | +\$360 | |
| Subtotal | | | | | | \$ 600.00 |
| Reduction by ½ if small entity - | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | \$ 600.00 |

- ☒ A fee of \$600.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.
- ☒ A fee of \$1020.00 to cover three month Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☒ A check for \$1620.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: February 1, 2007

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